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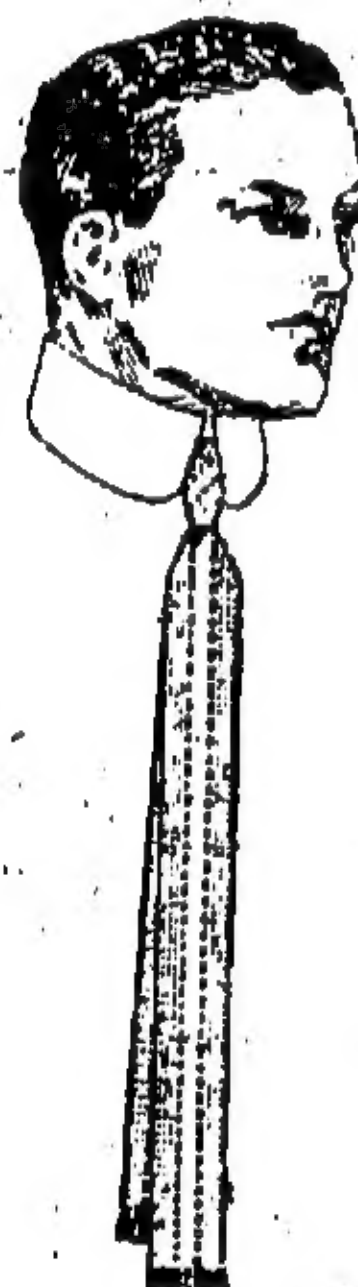
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FRANCE'S DISARMAMENT FEARS.

CANDID, WASHINGTON STATEMENT.

DREAD OF A HOSTILE GERMANY.

"NOT IMMEDIATELY HOPEFUL FOR SOLUTION."

WASHINGTON, November 21.

Opening the third plenary sitting of the conference, Mr. Hughes declared that the first week's progress regarding disarmament had been gratifying while the deliberations on Far Eastern questions had more than realised expectations.

The conference proceeded to discuss land disarmament.

M. Briand declared that France more than any other country was eager to turn her attention to means of securing peace. Nevertheless he eloquently depicted the state of affairs which would ensue if France were disarmed in the face of a hostile Germany. He feared return by Germany to militaristic policy.

M. Briand paid a tribute to Herr Wirth's sincerity and declared that while the German working classes undoubtedly desired peace, so long as the military party led with General Ludendorff preaching war as the key-stone of German policy every vigilance was necessary, because Germany could raise six or seven million men within a few weeks.

SAD TRUTH.

M. Briand urged the creation of a peace atmosphere besides reducing armaments. He reminded the conference that Germany had been disarmed before by Napoleon. M. Briand declared that as an example of European instability Russia was waiting to attack Poland. He declared that the French Government would shortly halve the period of military service which was tantamount to halving the army. "This," concluded the Premier, impressively, "is France's offering to peace."

Mr. Balfour described the speech as a candid explanation of France's anxieties which would be fully appreciated by everyone at the conference. He added that it must be sadly acknowledged that M. Briand's address was not immediately hopeful for solution of the question of land disarmament, but the cause now impelling France was the cause for which Britain fought and in which Britain still believed.

JAPAN'S ARMY.

Mr. Balfour declared it would be a tragedy if France were left in moral isolation and in the interests of the world's peace France must be guarded against any dominating policy of her eastern neighbour.

Baron Kato declared that Japan wanted only such an army as was "absolutely necessary" for purely defensive purposes necessitated by the Far Eastern situation.

Signor Schanzer stated that although Italy thought 200,000 men a just quota for her army she was planning further reduction.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.

Mr. Hughes assured M. Briand that the United States fully realised France's position and added that there could be no moral isolation for the defenders of liberty and justice.

The conference unanimously referred land disarmament to a committee of five powers.

BRITISH ARMY STRENGTH.

LONDON, November 21.

In connection with the consideration of the question of land disarmament by the Washington Conference and statements made in the United States with regard to the strength of the British Army, it is authoritatively pointed out that the Army estimates for 1921-22 provided for a total strength of 416,000, consisting of 201,000 British and 84,000 colonial and native troops, as distinct from Dominion troops, 75,000 of the British army in India and 55,000 war-time sick and wounded now in the process of demobilisation. The total fixed for January 1 has already been greatly reduced owing to many discharges.

RUSSIAN MENACE.

Paris, Nov. 10.

At the Washington conference M. Briand is shortly to deliver a speech developing the French viewpoint. According to the *Havas* special representative at Washington M. Briand, while adhering to Mr. Hughes' plan, will show that the French fleet already does not harmonize with France's geographical situation on three seas nor with the size of her colonial empire distributed over the whole of the globe's surface. M. Briand is then taking up Europe's problem which will show danger for peace arising from the fact that Russia still possesses an enormous army which is a permanent threat to Central Europe, including Germany. France, which is quite unprotected by seas or mountains on her eastern frontier, must maintain a strong army so long as peace is not better secured. France, which was not given a natural eastern frontier, namely the Rhine line by the peace treaty, had to rely on special, treble guarantee which, however, did not materialize. — *Havas*.

THE DOLLAR.

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STIMNES' BUSY LONDON WEEK-END.

STORIES OF BIG FINANCIAL SCHEMES.

LONDON, November 21.

Endeavours to interview Herr Stimnes at his West End Hotel this morning before he left in a taxi cab for the City proved fruitless, but the papers credit him with amazing activity during his week end in London in conferring with businessmen. Following a denial by the chairman of the British Dyestuffs Corporation of any Stimnes dyestuffs deal, the latest stories are that Herr Stimnes is seeking to interest British financiers in a big scheme for developing Russia's wealth and is endeavouring to develop his connection with the Welsh coal trade.

LIVERPOOL CHINESE ARRESTED.

POLICE SEIZE MUCH OPIUM.

LONDON, November 21.

Forty-three Chinese were arrested at Liverpool in the course of police raids on Chinese quarter in which considerable opium was seized.

LATEST OFFICIAL BOMBAY NEWS.

SITUATION NOW WELL IN HAND.

LONDON, November 21.

The latest official news from Bombay indicates that the situation is well in hand. There have been no further native hostile demonstrations. The Prince of Wales continues to be received everywhere with remarkable enthusiasm.

ARKANSAS MOB SHOTS NEGRO.

BODY BURNED IN CITY PARK.

HELENA, ARKANSAS, Nov. 21.

A Negro charged with assaulting a white woman was taken by the mob from the sheriff's posse and shot dead. His body was burned in the city park.

FRENCH AVIATOR KILLED.

DISTINGUISHED WAR SERVICES.

PARIS, November 21.

Lieutenants Damelincourt and Largeau, both distinguished war aviators were killed on November 19 as a result of crashing near Noyon while practising for the Michelin cup competition.

A military aeroplane crashed near Bourges to-day. The pilot and observer were killed.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

RELATÉ FRENCH NEWS.

PARIS, November 18.

The Indo-China Industry and Commerce Committee has passed a resolution asking the Government to do all in its power to help the Banque Industrielle de Chine out of its present difficulties. The question of assigning the balance of the Boxer indemnity is to come up for discussion in the Chamber of Deputies after M. Briand's return from Washington. — *Havas*.

RUSSIAN REBELS CAPTURE KEM.

RED GARRISON REFUSES TO FIGHT.

HELSINKI, November 21.

The Karelian operations are proceeding favourably for the Karelians who have captured Kem. The Red garrison refused to fight.

[A previous message stated: There has been a serious revolt in Russian Karelia stretching from the White Sea to Olouetz, numbering ten thousand armed men, but lacking ammunition and medical supplies.]

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

SPANISH TROOPS STORM RAZMEDUA.

MADRID, November 21.

An official message from Morocco states that Spanish troops stormed and captured Razmedua.

FOUR YE-HI MORE.

KIPLING'S OPINION ON WORLD UNREST.

PARIS, November 10.

Upon his arrival in Paris, Mr. Rudyard Kipling, in an interview, expressed the opinion that four years yet would have to elapse before the world recovers its balance. Mr. Kipling is absolutely confident of the continuance of intimate union between France and Britain, stating that German efforts to split the Entente will remain fruitless.

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SHANGHAI ROMANCE.

SINGULAR SUIT BY CHINESE AGAINST A YOUNG WOMAN.

Some elaborate considered views of the returned student on modern social conditions were brought to light in the Mixed Court, in the course of the continued hearing of the case of Seng Chongkah v. Tong Jui-chi, which has been reported from time to time. In Western Courts it would rank as breach of promise case but here the plaintiff alleges that the young lady, by fraud, threats and force, caused him to execute documents purporting to be a voluntary agreement to marry, with a provision for damages in case of a breach, also a promissory note for an alleged loan and he asks that these be cancelled. The defendant counterclaims for money advanced, other sums expended on furnishing a house, salary lost and general damages, \$14,150 in the aggregate. Dr. H. C. Mei represented the plaintiff and Mr. P. M. Linebarger was for the defendant. Both are returned students and the young lady in particular had a wide experience of the West, though only 24 years of age, having been educated in England, Scotland and several countries on the Continent. She appeared in Court dressed in an attractive foreign coat and skirt, but plentifully bedecked with Chinese ornaments. The case was heard by Mr. Blackburn and Magistrate Yui.

In concluding his cross examination of the plaintiff, Mr. Linebarger secured an answer that the defendant threatened to take both her own and the plaintiff's life.

Mr. Linebarger: Now, regarding these documents, Was she more anxious to get you as a husband, or your money?—The money loan deed came last of all.

CASE FOR THE DEFENCE.

Mr. Linebarger said that, on the strength of it having been admitted that the documents were genuine, he would apply for immediate judgment on the counterclaim. "The plaintiff," he said, "is a graduate of American universities. He had this girl sequestered in various respectable colleges where he was teaching. It is the first time that I have known of a returned student setting out to ruin a woman's reputation in this wicked fashion."

The Assessor pointed out that judgment could not be given on a counterclaim for various monetary items which had neither been admitted nor proved.

Mr. Linebarger then called the defendant. She said that she was a native of Szechuan, in which province her grandfather, father and brothers had all held official positions. Her father was a professor and president of a Szechuan college and also a magistrate. She graduated from the Szechuan Normal School and then joined a law school in Shanghai.

Mr. Linebarger:—The plaintiff says that you hung about the Oriental Hotel and went into his room and introduced yourself. Where did you meet him?—I met him twice when I was in Shanghai at that time, at the Szechuan Guild.

Defendant continued that, the same year, she went to England and stayed there three years. She also went to Scotland and various parts of Europe, returning to Szechuan in 1916. Then the Szechuan Government made a selection of students for further study abroad, 40 boys and herself being chosen. She came to Shanghai to wait for the money, but funds were tight in the province at that time and the money was never sent. Whilst she was waiting, the plaintiff again met her and proposed marriage.

She was then arranging to go to the Nanyang College as a teacher, at \$160 a month, but he forced her to give up the idea, saying she could go with him to Hunan and find a position as teacher there. They went, but the military soon afterwards closed their school and the plaintiff only was able to secure a position, which did not bring in enough for the two of them to live on.

ON LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

Next she went to Canton to organize the Women's Self-Government Society and whilst she was there the plaintiff wrote to her almost every day, asking her to come back to him, as a house and furniture were all prepared for them. "He asked me plainly to marry him and said: 'You and I are so good to each other that we can only be man and wife!'"

She produced a letter and Mr. Linebarger remarked: "Yes, it looks like a love letter; with beautiful flowers and apple blossoms and all those sorts of things." The letter, a very long one, read in part as follows:

"You say that matrimony is the crowning reward of mutual love. This is indeed so. To solve the economic problem two things are needed—develop the income and to curtail the expenses by frugal habits. The latter course is even more important. You have already given me consolation in the thought that, as both of us have seen the luxuries of the world

in the days when we were studying abroad, we now cease to crave for them, contenting ourselves with the treasure of our reciprocal love, loving each other till death intervenes. If material resources do not permit us to live better than to eat coarse food and to wear plain clothes, we shall be cheerful and gay, which is the right view of married life.

The one drawback of continuous thinking is that it has a tendency to depression. (This was in reference to a denial of the defendant's suggestion that he might be worrying about lack of funds.) I had no right to believe that you expect me to do what is beyond my financial strength. Indeed, if we regard love as everything and money as something not essential to our happiness, we shall not be better off than men of wealth and influence. Indeed, the happy lives led by married couples in the country should not fail to teach us the truth that money is not the decisive factor in ideal homemaking.

Social conditions are such that there will be always an uneven distribution of wealth. We are in the middle class. Let us not envy these above us, but take consolation in the thought of those below us. That character is the guiding star in our actions. Who knows that good fortune will not be ours some day?

OTHER LETTERS TOO.

Mr. Linebarger put in a batch of other letters, mostly unsigned and undated, some addressed to the defendant in fanciful names and containing a mixture of abuse, adoration and pleading. In one the recipient was described as "only a bag of bones." Mr. Linebarger was proceeding to examine on these when Dr. Mei said he would save time by admitting them. Meanwhile, his client was examining them and a minute or two later he said he would withdraw the admission, as the plaintiff said that characters had been altered.

Defendant: May my head be taken off now if I have altered anything?

Continuing her evidence, the girl burst into tears as she described how she returned to Shanghai and lived with the plaintiff, considering him as her husband. A child was born prematurely and her health had since broken down.

"All the neighbours can say that I treated him very good," she said. "I lived with him for a year, during which time I supplied everything and spent several thousand dollars—almost \$4,000. The furniture I had bought before."

In 1919 and 1920, the plaintiff again promised to marry her and, therefore, she bought and furnished a house, spending about \$3,000 and of her total expenditure of about \$8,000 only \$2,000 was secured by the promissory note. She also spoke of visiting the plaintiff at a college at Nanking.

The case was adjourned and Mr. Linebarger promised to supply the other side with copies of the letters.

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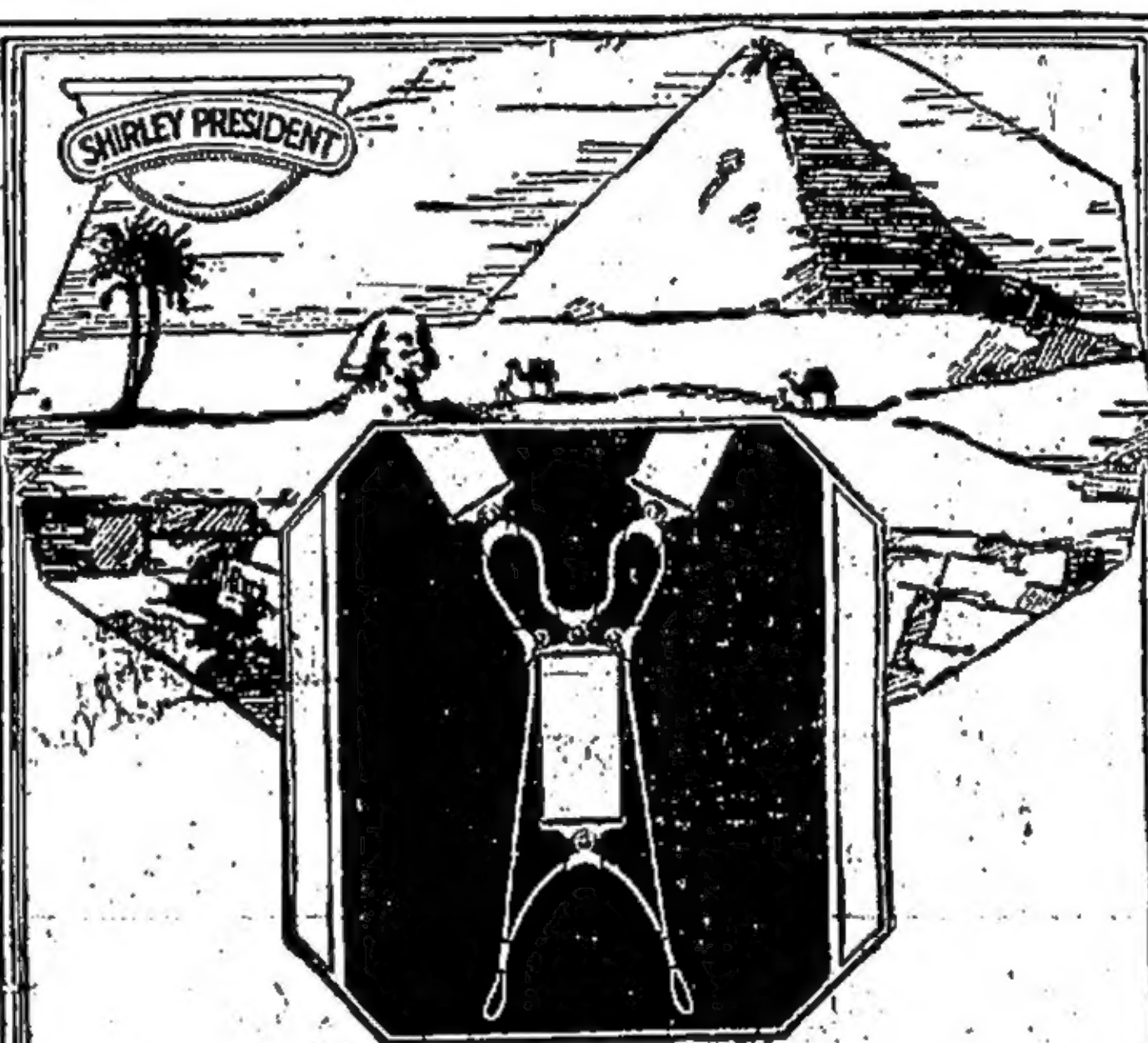
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Hongkong, November 11, 1921.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
on the 1st October, 1921.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS

LEVEL.

1920. 1921.

Tytan 1 ft. 2 in. Below

overflow 4 ft. 7 in. Below overflow

Tytan 2 ft. 2 in. Below overflow

8 in. Below overflow

Tytan Intermediate

Level with overflow 0 ft. 8 in. Above overflow

Tytan Tank Level with

overflow 0 ft. 8 in. Above overflow

Wong Nai Chung 3 ft.

5 in. Below overflow 4 ft. 5 in. Below overflow

Pokfulam 1 ft. 3 in.

Below overflow 1 ft. 4 in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

1920. 1921.

Tytan 35,000 34,000

Tytan Intermediate 18,000 18,000

Tytan Tank 14,000 14,000

Wong Nai Chung 28,000 28,000

Pokfulam 5,000 5,000

Total 96,000 96,000

Consumption of water in the City

and Hill District in millions and decimals

of gallons during the month of September,

1920. 1921.

Consumption 251,470 252,400

Estimated population 150,000 151,000

Consumption per head 1.68 1.67

Constant supply to all districts during

September of both 1920 and 1921.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1920. 1921.

Kowloon Gravity Level

with overflow 1 ft. 2 in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

1920. 1921.

Kowloon Gravity 37,000 37,000

Consumption of water in Kowloon in

millions and decimals of gallons during the

month of September,

1920. 1921.

Consumption 150,000 151,000

Estimated population 150,000 151,000

Consumption per head 1.68 1.67

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December, 1921, at 11 o'clock in the
forenoon, for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the Report
of the General Managers for the year
ended 30th September, 1921, and
electing a Consulting Committee and
Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE
Company will be closed from THURS-
DAY, the 1st December 1921 until
SATURDAY, the 10th December 1921
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, November 19, 1921.

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of 30th November, 1921.

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will be transferred to the new Grill
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Hongkong, November 21, 1921.

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Director is incurred prior to this date
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LTD.

6, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, July 7, 1921.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

VISIT TO PEKING.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS FROM THE
PRESIDENT AND PREMIER.

Peking, Nov. 17.—In view of the
crisis Lord Northcliffe has succeeded
in interviewing and obtaining per-
sonal statements from President Hsu
Shih-chang and the Premier, General
Chin Yun-peng, at the Palace, for
"The Times," which he afterwards
handed to Reuter's Agency for cir-
culation throughout the world.

The President said: "The opening
of the Washington Conference
was marked by many suggestions
advocating foreign control of China
but such procedure would only cause
further difficulties and troubles. The
Chinese people should be allowed to
solve their own internal problems.
China's present troubles should be
regarded by foreigners, not as peculiar
to China, but as a natural step in the
evolution of government after the
overthrow of the monarchical form
which had endured for centuries.
Similar difficulties were experienced
by France after the Revolution and
England and America also had long
periods of serious unsettlement before
a stable administration was consum-
mated."

A PHASE OF EVOLUTION.

"China would like foreign nations
to regard the development now pro-
ceeding with understanding and
sympathy. The interests of foreign
powers in China are chiefly com-
mercial, and helpful criticism of China,
and determination on the part of
the Powers to give fair play to China
would materially aid commercial ex-
pansion and create business oppor-
tunities of tremendous importance."

"China's present financial diffi-
culties were enlarged by the conditions
which have obtained since the ter-
mination of the war. During the
war foreign buyers operated largely in
the Chinese market and were large
purchasers of Chinese products. Since
the war this has materially
diminished and China has not yet
been able to make up the deficiency.
She has not made any foreign loans
during the last three years of any

considerable amount. Also there has
been no particular investment of
foreign capital and this, coupled with
decrease of trade in such staples as
silk, tea, etc., was responsible for
little capital coming to the country."

"China is in financial difficulties
but they are not insurmountable and
steps are now being taken by the
Government which will enable the
country to return to its normal state
in a reasonable time in spite of the
troubles between the North and the
South. These are expected to be
adjusted in due course because the
Central Government is prepared to
accept any reasonable terms to
establish peace. Some foreign papers
have pointed out that the differences
between the North and South were
differences between persons desiring to
serve their own ends and this was the
correct view. The people of China
are sound: only five provinces are
aligned against the North and among
them there are sharp differences. The
Central Government is ready for
peace and has striven for it and will
take any opportunity to secure it."

THE PREMIER'S VIEW.

After his audience with the Pre-
sident, Lord Northcliffe interviewed
the Premier, General Chin Yun-peng,
who said: "China wants money
and can offer ample security. We
have the Customs surplus, the wine
and tobacco revenue, the railway
surplus, and the stamp tax. We are
shortly issuing a balance sheet
showing the exact position. We
are willing to discuss control
of expenditure, if it does
not interfere with China's sovereign
rights. We expect from the Wash-
ington Conference to get tariff auton-
omy. At present we cannot increase the
tariff rate without consulting 13
Treaty Powers. We cannot freely
change our tariff as every other nation
of the world does. We nominally
collect a tariff of 5 per cent. but
actually get 3.7 per cent."

"Give us the right to fix our tariff
like any other nation and we shall be
able to help ourselves. The more we
are left alone, the better for all con-
cerned. We need money to disband
troops and their pay is many months
in arrears. China, is absolutely
solvent in spite of the present con-
fusion of finance."

PRODUCE EXCHANGES.

TREMENDOUS LOSSES SUFFERED.

The monthly report of the Com-
missioner of Police appearing in
the Municipal Gazette contains some
remarkably interesting comments on
the mania for exchanges which is
causing all the business world so much
anxiety. He tells us that the move-
ment really began with the trouble
over the licensing of rice shops, which
inspired a number of Chinese with the
idea of founding a rice exchange. The
idea caught on surprisingly and
exchanges of all kinds sprang up.

The speculation mania took deep
root, and persons, who, in their saner
moments, would never have consented
to part with their cash unless it was
for some safe and profitable invest-
ment, were attracted by the glamour
of the large fortunes which were said
to be made. . . . Not a few families
were ruined, and cases of suicide and
attempted suicide occurred. The
situation presented a strong tempta-
tion to employees in positions of trust
to make their fortunes by what ap-
peared to them to be a few simple
transactions with the temporary loan
of their employers' money. Numbers
of employees absconded from Shang-
hai after having embezzled sums
of money, more or less large,
which they had lost in specula-
tion. A rough estimate of the total
amount of money thus reported
places the figure well over \$1,000,000.
In addition, men who had hitherto
been respected for their integrity and
regarded as being strong financially
severed connection with their ac-
quaintances and disappeared from
Shanghai after incurring liabilities
which they were unable to meet. The
Chinese Bankers' Association, realiz-
ing, as employers, the seriousness of
the situation, held a meeting on
September 3, the outcome of which
was the issuing of a circular notice to
its members requesting them to pro-
hibit their employers from dabbling
in exchange or having anything at all
to do with brokers.

The Commissioner urges that it is
almost imperative that action should

be taken as soon as possible to bring
these establishments under control
and there appears to be no better way
of doing this than that of furnishing
them with a licence to which safe-
guards in the shape of conditions can
be attached. This plan has been
adopted in the French Concession,
which is a very strong argument in
favour of applying it on this side of
the Yangkingpang. We know that
the Council is giving this matter its
very serious attention and action
may be expected. The question is
whether such licences can be enforced
without a special meeting of rate-
payers. And there's the rub!—N. C.
Daily News.

Commissioned Gunner R. W.
Martin has been appointed to the
"Titania," submarine depot ship
Hongkong. He got his commission in
September, 1918.

Commissioned Engineer J. Chad-
wick, D.S.C. has been posted to the
sloop "Foxglove" on the China
Station. He was commissioned in
October, 1918, won the Distinguished
Service Cross by his gallantry in action
on more than one occasion during the
Great War, and recently was serving
on the "Excellent" at Portsmouth.

Commissioned Engineer J. E. Mitchell
has been appointed to the "Hollyhock";
Commissioned Engineer L. Hodge to
the "Bluebell." Engineer-Comman-
der H. V. Gordon has been directed
to join the "Cairo" at an early date.



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Prime Cut 26
Canned.—Hau Ngan Yak ... 26
Roast.—Shia 19
Breast.—Ngau Nam 16
Soup.—Tong Yak 16
Steak.—Ngau Yak Pa 16
Steak Sirloin.—Ngau Lau ... 26
Seamless.—Ngau Cheung ... 26
Gullock's Brains.—Ngau No per set 10
Tongue, fresh.—Ngau Li each 60
Tongue, corned.—Hau Ngan Li
each 55 cents.

Head.—Ngau Tui 20
Heart.—Ngau Sam 18
Hump, Salt.—Ngau Kin ... 18
Feet.—Ngau Kien 10
Kidneys.—Ngau Yiu 10
Liver.—Ngau Kon 12
Tripe (andressed), Ngau To lb. 6

Salver Head and Feet.—Ngau-tai-
tan-keat set \$1.00

Mutton Chop.—Young Poi Kwai ... lb. 34

Lam.—Young Poi 34

Shoulder.—Young Sha 30

Saddle.—Young On Yak ... 30

Pig's Chitter.—Che Cheung ... 25

Prima.—Che No 18

Feet.—Che Kuek 18

Fry.—Che Cheung 18

Head.—Che Tan 15

Heart.—Che Sam 10

Kidneys.—Che Yiu 10

Liver.—Che Kon 10

Pork Chop.—Che Poi Kwai ... 24

Leg.—Che Poi 24

Loin.—Che Han Tui 24

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Heart.—Young Sam 18

Kidneys.—Young Yiu 18</

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BIRTHS.

CLAIR.—On November 12, 1921, at

Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. V.

Clair, a daughter, Audrey.

DICKSON.—On November 14, 1921,

at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W.

Dickson, a son.

McFARLAND.—On November 14,

1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and

Mrs. H. McFarland, a daughter.

LEVINE.—On November 15, 1921,

at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E.

Levine, a son.

GIRONI.—On November 17, 1921,

at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. V.

Gironi, a daughter.

NORRIS.—At London, England,

to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Norris, a

son. (By cable.)

MARRIAGES.

MATHIESON.—DALTON.—On Nov.

14, 1921, at Shanghai, Peter

Mathieson, second son of Arch-

bald Mathieson, of Campbelltown,

Argyllshire, to Dorothea Dalton,

daughter of the Rev. W. E. Dal-

ton, Glynde Vicarage, Lewes,

Sussex.

EITE.—HELMES.—On November, 16,

1921, at Shanghai, Arthur Eite,

only son of the late Thomas Gar-

rick Eite, of Hamilton Drive,

The Park, Nottingham, England,

to Mary Boswell Holmes, daugh-

ter of Mr. Jefferson Davis Holmes,

of Charlotte, North Carolina,

U.S.A.

DEATHS.

GRANT.—On November 14, 1921,

at Shanghai, Joyce Kathleen, the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E.

Grant, aged sixteen months.

ROZARIO.—On November 14, 1921,

at Shanghai, Theodore Paul,

son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grant,

aged 42 years.

SHEPHERD.—On November 17,

1921, at Shanghai, Emma, wife of

the late George Shepherd.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOV. 22, 1921.

KEEP 'EM HUMAN.

Whatever form of government a people has or may have, there is no conceivable form that can dispense with officials. They are, shall we say, a necessary evil. They need not be and sometimes are not evil. So long as officials can be kept human, mindful of their common humanity, and of the fact which in cold blood they themselves never dispute, namely, that they are in the service of organized humanity, they can be quite pleasant features of the landscape. They can function valuably without irritating anyone, and without suffering the mental dyspepsia of arrogance. Criticism is the only means the public has of keeping 'em human. Criticism of officials is therefore indispensable to good government. Rather than no criticism, excessive criticism should be welcomed. Fair criticism, of course, is the desideratum; but the species of official that most needs criticism—a quite common species—happens to be the species least able to see fairness in any criticism whatsoever. A writer in the *New Statesman* expresses so neatly and tidily ideas that figured in this column, that we indulge ourselves in the pleasure of quoting his words. "It is," he says, "the inevitable tendency of officials to desire to be quite human—to become parts of an institution, which is another name for a monster. The official learns to enjoy his authority. He embodies in his person the power of the machine of which he is a part. With the machine behind him he will confidently do things that he would never dream of attempting as a private individual. This sense of authority is not necessarily a vice

It is (within limits) a very important virtue. The policeman's efficiency depends on his remembering that he is no ordinary human being but an impersonation of the law. Unhappily it is not possible to delegate much authority to human beings without the certainty that a man or of them will abuse it. Dickens was never more English than in his criticism of officials, and it will be well if we continue by means of the same sort of criticism to put officialism constantly to the test of humanity."

A very striking case of the need for effective criticism is afforded recently by the Home Office officials, who have ordered a Dr. Levy to leave the country. In the first year of the war, as a German citizen resident in Switzerland, he expressed views against the German claims, and now Germany refuses to let him in, naturally. He therefore has no country, and having no country, cannot have a passport. He cannot go anywhere without a passport, these days, unless it be, as the *Manchester Guardian* suggests, to some uninhabited island. Meanwhile the man happens to be ill—and the Home Office, acting on the Aliens Restriction Act, says he must get out, ill or well. Where to, it does not trouble to say.

A somewhat similar case was that of Dr. Subindra Bose, a lecturer in Political Science at Iowa State University, and a naturalized American citizen. He desired to return to India, after an absence of seventeen years, to see his very aged mother, and the British Consul in Chicago visa'd his passport and assured him it would be easy to get permission from the India Office. Although he undertook to take no part in politics, and swears that he belongs to no political organization, the India Office refused permission. Questions were asked in Parliament, and the Secretary for India replied: "This Indian gentleman is now a citizen of the U.S.A., having applied to renounce his British-Indian nationality a few weeks after the outbreak of war. I am not prepared to facilitate his return to India." It takes time to get naturalisation papers in America as elsewhere, and the 'few weeks after the war' suggestion—if that is a point—is therefore a washout. Here were at least three good reasons for being human, a dying mother, courtesy to the U.S.A., and the need for avoiding a bad advertisement of the horrid bureaucratic tyranny we seem to be copying from the late Tsarist regime.

The retention of the passport nuisance may or may not be due to the official love of authority. We have seen it stated that the countries are keeping it up for the sake of the revenue derived, but that is hard to believe, in view of the comparative insignificance of such revenue. It is to be hoped that the Press of all democratic countries will wake up and denounce and prevent the excessive officialism of officials, and preserve a grand British tradition.

In the meantime, let us realize that "official" is a very catholic term. A Prime Minister is an official just as a policeman is, and a highly placed diplomat can do more harm than any Bumble can. Our policeman is supervised from above, by his official superiors, and is with them at all times checked by public opinion. Where a healthy public opinion exists, he cannot (even if he should be a bad man) go so very far wrong without being pulled up. His sense of authority and power is tempered by consciousness of responsibility. But in the case of statesmen it begins to look as if we delegate too much power and retain too little control. Affected by the inevitable tendency already noted, and answerable practically to none (for His Majesty the King must not intervene and Parliament has become a subservient thing, under Coalition) these "beggars on horseback" are rapidly riding our country to the devil. Realization of the position, and its simple and natural psychological origin, is the first step towards amending it. We must (to save officialdom from its besetting temptation) "respectabilize" our unofficial censors, instead of allowing them to be ignominiously flouted as "Bolsheviks" or whatever the catch-name of the day may happen to be.

As did General Nogi and Countess Nogi show their grief at the death of the late Emperor Meiji Tanno by committing *harakiri* on the evening of the State funeral, so did Chigoro Ohtsuna, an 18-year-old resident of Obihiro-achi, Hokkaido, prove to the world that he was deeply stricken by the assassination of Premier Hara by throwing himself under the wheels of a speeding train in order that he might follow the statesman to the grave. Beside the tracks at the scene of the tragedy were found a *suicide*, a photograph of the dead youth and a letter. In the letter the boy explained that he did not care to live in a world that produced dastards capable of an act like the Hara assassination.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Yokohama District Court is to be re-constructed at a cost of Y.70,000, the work to be completed by 1923.

A selection of clasp and two-piece suit lengths will be put up for auction to-morrow morning by Messrs. Lammett Bros.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 5, 1921, amounted to 87,642 tons and the sales during the period to 91,424 tons.

The wedding was celebrated very quietly at the British Consulate-General, Kobe, before Mr. R. R. McP. Austin, acting Consul-General, of Mr. Sydney George Stanford, of Kobe, to Miss Ida Holzman.

An Army Order states that in future any non-European recruit enlisted in the 40th Company, R.E., Hongkong, will be required to pay £12, if he purchases his discharge with less than three months' service.

A Peking telegram to the Chinese press states that the captains of a number of Chinese men of war have resigned in consequence of not having received their pay. Here is a simple method of disarmament which might with advantage be passed on to Washington, observes a Shanghai paper.

The following appointments are announced:—Warrant Engineer H. M. Thomas to the "Cairo," on transfer from the "Queen Elizabeth." Gunner W. E. Trowbridge to the "Foxglove," Gunner A. H. Looker to the "Hollyhock," Gunner J. Beese to the "Magnolia," and Gunner F. A. Squirrel to the "Bluebell."

The Japanese Budget figures for the coming fiscal year show cuts in the expenditures of all departments below those of the current year. The Army estimates for the year 1922-23 are yen 253,000,000 against yen 273,000,000 at present, while the Navy estimates are yen 394,000,000 against yen 499,000,000 at present.

In order that the accounts of the Ministering Children's League Bazaar held on Saturday November 12, may be closed as soon as possible, it is requested that any sums of money which have not yet been sent in should be forwarded at once to Lady Stuart Taylor, Mr. Treasurer, 4 Thorpe Manor, May Road.

Mr. Herbert William Looker, of Great Baddow, Essex, was adopted as Unionist candidate for Central Hill in opposition to Commander Kenworthy. Mr. Looker was a solicitor in Hongkong for 25 years, and retired two years ago when he returned to England. He is a native of St. Ives, Huntingdon, and was born in 1871.

The Kowloon Fair, in aid of the Ministering Children's League and the Games Fund of the Kowloon British School will be held at Chater Bungalow to-morrow. The fair will be of the old-fashioned English country variety, and the children of the School will give an entertainment. Dancing will also be one of the attractions in the evening.

The Chinese arrested for the unlawful possession of 600 tads of raw non-Government opium worth \$1,200, on board the s.s. "Hozu Maru," was later charged before Magistrate Orme. Chief Revenue Officer Watt said the drug was hidden in the floor space of accused's cabin. It was wrapped up in herbs and marked "Medicine." A fine of \$9,000 was imposed.

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, was prettily decorated on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Eite, manager of the British American Tobacco Co. at Hongkong, to Miss Mary Boswell Helms. It was an Anglo-American marriage, the bride being the daughter of Mr. J. D. Helms, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the bridegroom being a son of Mr. T. G. Eite, of Hamilton Drive, The Park, Nottingham.

A strange tale of the sea is reported by a Chinese press correspondent at Wosung. There arrived on a steamer from America, a Chinese fireman credited with wages to the amount of \$450. An unthrift member of the crew suggested the moment was opportune for a substantial loan. The proposal was rejected, and the would-be borrower, keen on doing business, knocked his man out, rendering him unconscious, and then reported to the captain that he was suffering from an infectious disease. The man was taken ashore and left high and dry near the north gate of Pootung City. Recovering consciousness next morning, he went to look for his ship but discovered that the vessel, like his money, had departed. Can such things be? asks the *N.C.D. News*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hongkong Jockey Club announces that there will be no further gymkhana meetings this year.

The annual meeting of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, November 29 at 5.15 p.m.

A Manila message dated Nov. 16 stated: The Chinese Consular force have not been paid since April. The Consul and his assistants are living on the commissions from Chinese registration fees.

Sir Edward Morewether, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., has retired from the Governorship of the Leeward Islands, and has been succeeded by Sir Eustace Edward Twistleton-Wykeham Fiennes Bart., Governor of Seychelles.

Major J. H. Ross, who was assistant manager of the Shipping Department of Standard Oil Co. in Shanghai, has been transferred to Hankow where he is in charge of shipping. His place in Shanghai is taken by Mr. W. C. Ball, Jr.

A large number of people were present in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, when a wedding was solemnized between Mr. Peter Mathieson, second son of Mr. Archibald Mathieson, of Campbelltown, Argyleshire, and Miss Dorothea Dalton, daughter of the Rev. W. E. Dalton, Glynde Vicarage, Lewes, Sussex. Prior to the service in the church, the civil ceremony was performed by Mr. C. F. Garstin, H. M. Consul.

There was a goodly concourse of visitors at the New Engineering & Shipbuilding Works, Ltd., Shanghai, last week, to witness the launching of the str. "Mei Ren," which has been built to the order of the American-West China Navigation Co. The ship, which was christened by Mrs. B. C. Haile, wife of the president and general manager of the new owners, took to the water very gracefully, amid loud cheers.

Six cases of diphtheria, one British and the remainder Chinese, were reported during the 48 hours ended yesterday, also one fatal case of plague Chinese. Last week four Chinese died from diphtheria, one from plague, and three from influenza. There were also reported three non-fatal cases of paratyphoid fever, one British and the other Chinese; three of enteric fever, one Portuguese and the others Chinese; three of diphtheria, all Chinese; and two of plague, likewise Chinese.

Mr. G. W. Frodsham has been in England for the last few months visiting the various industrial centres, and is returning to Peking by the s.s. "Egypt" on November 22. Mr. Frodsham has relinquished his position of Assistant Agent General to the Peking Syndicate, Ltd., in China, but his services are being retained by the Syndicate in an advisory capacity. Mr. Frodsham is also now closely identified with some powerful British financial and engineering interests in connection with industrial development in China, and will open his own offices in Peking on his return.

The P. & T. *Times* learns that a very important haul of morphine was effected by the Maritime Customs examiners during the week-end on a Japanese ship. The drug was cleverly concealed in the middle of a large number of cases of sulphate of soda. A hole had been drilled in the centre of the solid-looking blocks of soda, inside which cylinders were placed, containing the tins of morphine, which were marked "The New Pharmacy, Osaka." About half the consignment of cases contained morphine, of which over 300 lb. was found in 14 cases.

Some enterprising enthusiast ought to make a collection of quaint shop signs in Penang, else we shall soon be doing it ourselves, says the *Straits Echo*. "Don't go across the road to be cheated; come in here!" is a classic, but the humour of this, from a jeweller's shop in Carnarvon Street, is as good in its way. "Valuable Gold Leaf sold; worthless Gold Bought." That jeweller at any rate has learnt the first principles of successful trading—to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest. But evidently he did not stick to the precept on his shopfront, for we found on our way to office recently that he had vacated his shop and gone elsewhere in his quest for worthless gold.

INDIGESTION AND BILIOUSNESS.

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IN THE SOCIAL SWIM.

BY A LADY WHO IS.

Overheard in the tram the day of the Ministering Children's League Fete. Enter a lady carrying a parcel with a small boy. To her friend "Oh, are you helping at a stall, dear?" "Oh no, this is little Tommy's tea—you see, he doesn't like thin bread and butter and he doesn't like cake, so I have brought down some real thick slices with not too much butter, just as he always has at home, and we are going to find a 'quiet' corner and have our tea all to ourselves. You don't like this bread and butter, do you, Tommy?" "N—N—No, Mamma!" "And you would much rather have thick slices of bread and butter than cake?" "Ye—Ye—Yes, Mamma," murmured Tommy, who seemed very near tears. There has been rather a halt in the social whirl this last week, though I must admit to dining out four times, and going to the theatre twice. On Monday Mrs. Gompertz gave a small dance at her house, which was much enjoyed, and Mrs. Ram has invitations out for one on the 26th.

Next week promises to be a busy one. On Friday afternoon Sir Paul Chater is at home in the afternoon for the Overseas Club and Patriotic League and in the evening Mrs. Bowden-Smith is giving a dance on board the "Tamar." The Ladies' Rifle Range is still very well patronized, Miss Loureiro (as always), Mrs. Bird and Miss Delacombe (the Hon. Secretary) being the most successful competitors up to date. On Tuesday I looked in at the Helena May Institute to see the sale of work done by the blind girls of the Kowloon Institution. The work was excellent, and it was hard to realize it was all done by sightless girls. The Bishop of Victoria gave a short address, and then Lady Stubbs declared the sale open. I gathered that the girls are now making tennis nets for which there should be a good demand in the Colony.

He is quite a respectable member of society, but like many another man in the East, or in the West, too, for that matter, he has a little "Secret Orchard" of his own. One day his wife's dearest (!) friend, who through some man's indiscretion, had come to hear, came in, bursting with information and indignation. "But, my dear, I know all about that," said the injured wife. "And you don't mind!" gasped the friend—"Mind, of course not—you see he is always so frightened. I should ask him where he has been, when he's out, oh well you know, that he never asks me what I have been doing while he is supposed to be at the Club!" Which rather gives one to think does it not?

It was at a dance recently, no, not in Hongkong, but "somewhere in China," and he asked her to marry him for the umpteenth time. "No, my dear boy," she answered. "I love you all right, and shall never love anyone else, but you are much too poor, and besides I have just got engaged to Mr. Hoggensheimer." "Hoggensheimer! That brute, why he is old enough to be your father, and he drinks like a fish!" "You silly boy," she cooed sweetly. "Why that's just the reason we shall see even more of one another than we do now, and the doctor tells me he'll probably drink himself to death in a year, and he'll leave me all his money, and then!" We have progressed a bit since the Mid-Victorian days, have we not? The lady in question is not yet nineteen.

She is a very keen sportswoman, and very plucky and she insisted on accompanying her husband, when he went on leave recently to shoot buffalo. More, she insisted in taking part in the game, and she sat quite quietly waiting, while the jungle was being beat, as a herd was known to be about. Now a charging buffalo they tell me (thank Heaven, I have never seen one) is just about the most dangerous thing in the world. He comes at you like an express train, you have to wait till he is quite close, and then hold very straight, and see that he does not fall on the top of you, when you kill him. If you don't kill him, well, it is most unlikely that anything in this life will interest you again. Well, she sat quite peacefully waiting. Suddenly she saw a spider. Now spiders she loathes. She threw sand at it to frighten it away. It did.

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LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

HONGKONG STATEMENT NOT HIS OWN, BUT DR. WU TING-FANG'S.

Rodney Gilbert telegraphs to the *N. C. D. News* from Peking:—Lord Northcliffe is interviewing journalists, evincing great eagerness for information, but he is giving no interview.

He says the statement from Canton was a quotation from Dr. Wu Ting-fang who complained that the foreign press was inaccessible. He says his message constitutes no endorsement, as interpreted in China, but was published to afford an opportunity only for Canton's expression of views on grounds of fair play.

Comment is unnecessary when the above is compared with the following Tokyo wire previously published in our columns:—

"Lord Northcliffe denies the report, published in the Hongkong papers of October 28, purporting to give the text of a cable sent by him through *The Times* correspondent at Hongkong to that newspaper. He says that no such cable was sent or authorized by him. 'No such cable' will appear in the *Times* and 'this is proof that no such cable was sent'—Reuter.

not mind a bit, but swung nearer to her, and with a scream, she threw down her rifle, and ran like a hare!!! We women are curious creatures at times!

My husband wants to know if he still thinks a bottle of Australian Burgundy a good thing to finish a "thick" night with, when you have got to negotiate those horrid tramway steps on your way home: I don't know who he is or what the story is, but I suppose there is one somewhere. Our Chinese typists are wonderful. I heard of a man recently, who got a letter, beginning "My dear Charles."

Gems from the "Circle," which I went to on Thursday. "Clive, dear, if I had my time over again, I shouldn't leave you, but I should never be faithful to you!" "I was always faithful to you in spirit, dear," "Don't make me cry, do think of my eyelashes." "Women will always sacrifice themselves for self-indulgence."

On Thursday I went to a concert at the Helena May. Miss Lawson sang "My old Caravan" charmingly, and as an encore gave "Down Vauxhall." Mrs. Price played the piano, and Mrs. Abney delighted everybody with her violin solos. The practice dances for the St. Andrew's Fall are being very well attended. On Friday I noticed Lady Kirkpatrick with her two daughters, Mrs. Claud Severn, the Hon. Mr. Pollock and Mrs. Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Gompertz, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. F. C. Hall, Colonel Nicholson and many others. In addition to the Scottish dances we had fox-trots and one-step, while a delightful tea was served, which was much appreciated. The Church of England Men's Society had an enjoyable concert on Tuesday at which the Bishop of Victoria was present. Mr. Harry Ore gave some piano-forte selections, Mrs. Tinson and Mr. Crow sang charmingly, while the Hon. Mr. Pollock gave us two recitations. The invitations for the Centepides dance on the 8th December are out. One is requested to present the card at the door. Apparently at one of their dances last year certain people forgot that they had not been invited! On Saturday I had intended to go out to Repulse Bay, but with all this wind and rain about, we decided to postpone our party. Then I had ideas of the Peak Club dance, but having spent most of the day in bed with what I call influenza, and my better half says is only a bad cold, I could not face it, so the said better half with a sigh of relief (he would have been on duty at the Peak Club otherwise) dashed off to see if he could get a seat for "Eliza comes to stay" at the Theatre. I hope he will, as I want to go straight back to bed. I have seldom heard anything more dismal than the way the wind is howling round the bungalow, and I feel I want to sit down and cry.

No, I don't. I am sitting up and taking notice. The Editor has just sent me an anonymous letter signed "Pro Bono Publico." I am still chuckling over it. She (I am sure the author must be a "she" by the style, if nothing else) apparently so disliked my unfortunate weekly efforts, that she tries to overwhelm me with a shower of muddy abuse. Anonymous letters not worrying me, the abuse leaves me cold. But the last paragraph was a peach. "We do not enclose our card. If we did, you would be surprised." I shouldn't a bit, but in any case, why not enclose them and like the late unlamented Paul Kruger, stagger Humanity and, incidentally, Hongkong. In any case, it has acted on me like a tonic, and if it wasn't a bit late (and I had told him I wasn't coming). I would have crawled out of bed and gone to the Peak Club dance after all.

MOTORISTS IN COURT.

SUMMONS DELAY.

A FRISKY OLD FORD.

Magistrate Lindsell had a heavy list of motor cases before him at traffic time this morning when the drivers of eleven motor vehicles were summoned for violation of traffic regulations. Six of the cases were for reckless driving.

Mr. D. Tolan was charged with the reckless driving of motor cycle No. 10, by speeding in Nathan Road at 1.05 p.m., on November 7.

He was alleged to have travelled at 20 miles an hour in a 15 mile area.

Mr. Tolan said that he could not plead because he was not summoned until the 16th, and was unable to recollect anything about the matter. In fact, he could not even say if he had driven on Nathan Road on the 7th, because he did not always take the same route on his way home to tiffin, occasionally taking the praya way along Chatham Road instead. He was stopped on the 16th on the road and warned that he would be summoned for speeding and when he returned to the office that afternoon, he received the summons.

Inspector Garrod said that the case was reported by the Sergeant to Sub-Inspector Spear at the Tsimshatsui and referred to him on the 8th. He did not sign the application for the summons until the 14th, because he had to ascertain the exact nature of the offence first, but he had given instructions for Mr. Tolan to be warned in the meantime, and he certainly should have been warned before the 16th.

The Magistrate said that he did not think it was fair to call upon anyone to answer a charge after a lapse of nine days, and pointed out the advisability of cases in future being referred directly to Inspector Garrod by the men taking out the summons.

Inspector Garrod agreed, and said that he had already given instructions for this to be done in future.

The summons against Mr. Tolan was dismissed.

"AWAYING ABOUT."
Mr. Conrad, of Messrs Connell Brothers, was charged with having driven motor car No. 491 at 35 miles an hour on Coronation Road at 3.45 a.m., on November 13.

He said that the car was an old Ford and could not do that speed even if he tried. He thought he was going at about 20 miles at the most if the car was capable of doing even that.

The Magistrate: The limit is 15 miles there, you know.
Sergeant Baker said that the car was swaying from side to side along the road. He stopped into the middle of the road to try and get the defendant to pull up, but the latter took no notice of the signal and carried on. The witness had to jump hurriedly out of the way to avoid being knocked down. Witness had driven a motor cycle both here and at home, and he estimated the speed at fully 35 miles an hour.

Mr. Conrad: The car would pound itself to pieces at that speed.
The Magistrate: In any case, there is no doubt that you were driving above the limit?—Yes.
Twenty dollars.

RECKLESS DRIVING.

Sergeant Hallam charged the driver of motor car No. 475 with reckless driving in Connaught Road West at 11.45 p.m., on November 3.

The defendant was alleged to have driven the car between Water and French Streets at fully 35 miles an hour.

The defendant said that it was late and there were not many people about, so he went a little faster.
Reading the defendant's record the Magistrate said: You were in an accident in May last when you rounded a corner at a reckless speed and ran into another car?—
Defendant: The other car ran into me.

But you paid \$90 compensation? My master did that.

He must have thought you were to blame, and then in June you were fined by me for passing a stationary train car?—Yes.
Thirty dollars.

The same Sergeant charged the driver of motor car No. 333 with driving at 25 miles an hour in Des Voeux Road West, between Centre and Western Streets at 8.10 p.m., on Nov. 11. The Sergeant considered the speed dangerous in view of the fact that the road was congested at the time. He signalled the defendant to stop but he took no notice.

Defendant: I did not see him signal. He did not warn me that he was going to summons me.

Magistrate: How could he if you would not stop?

He could have blown his whistle to get me to stop.

Policemen do not blow their whistles to stop speeding cars.
Inspector Garrod proved four previous convictions for minor offences and said that the defendant once knocked down a *lukung*.

Twenty dollars.

SPEEDING DISCOURAGED.

The driver of motor car No. 484 was charged with driving at a speed of 25 miles an hour in Connaught Road West at 9.45 a.m., on November 3.

He said that he was not going so fast. He calculated his speed at about 20 miles.

Magistrate: That is also excessive. Inspector Garrod said the defendant had 8 previous convictions and had knocked down a girl once.

Twenty-five dollars.
The Indian driver of motor car No. 198 owned by the Standard Oil Company was charged by Sergeant Portallan with driving at between 20 and 25 miles an hour and in a reckless manner in Praya East at 12.30 p.m. on November 11th.

The Sergeant said that he was on motor cycle patrol when by the new fire station, 200 yards this side of Ah King's slipway, a tram car pulled up in front of him and he stopped also. He noticed a truck pass on the right of the tram. At the same time the defendant came in an opposite direction. He was going so fast that he could not pull up and had to go between the truck and the tram, just managing to clear both by a narrow shave. The witness signalled to the defendant as he passed him, and it took him 50 yards to stop.

Twenty dollars.

A DISREGARDED DIRECTION.
Sergeant Cargill charged the driver of motor car No. 25 with disregarding his directions at 10.10 a.m., on November 6.

Inspector Garrod said that the offence complained of was that the defendant failed to stop when called upon to do so by the Sergeant at the cross roads near the theatre in Yau-mat.

The Sergeant said that the defendant was in Pakhoi Street. He wanted to give another car on the main road the right of way and signalled the defendant to stop, but he took no notice and drove on into Coronation Road. The witness shouted to him but the defendant still took no notice and cut in front of the other car which had to pull up to avoid a collision.

Defendant said that the driver of the other car motioned him to carry on and he did so. He was engaged looking out for the other car, and did not see the Sergeant's signal.

The case was remanded for a week for the defendant to call the driver of the other car, the number of which the Sergeant had failed to get.

NEW REGULATION IGNORED.

Mr. Grunell was charged with having driven motor car No. 265 from the ferry wharf in Kowloon on the wrong side of the rhesha stand in Nathan Road at 7.15 p.m., on November 12.

Inspector Garrod said that notices directing cars to pass between the godowns and the stand when leaving the wharf and between the railway station and the stand when approaching the wharf had been posted and had appeared for 14 days in all the European and Chinese papers, and yet the people of Kowloon seemed to know nothing about the regulation.

The Magistrate thought that as this was the first prosecution under the new regulation, a caution would meet the case.

The driver of motor car No. 272 was charged with a similar offence.

He said that he did not see any notice and was also discharged with a caution.

A QUESTION OF SWITCHES.

The driver of motor car No. 400 was charged with having no rear light at 6.45 p.m. on November 14.

Defendant said that the rear light must have been on because the head lights were alight.

An Indian constable admitted that the head lights were on, but maintained that the rear light was not lit. When he spoke to the defendant about it, he switched on the rear light and then left the car. He watched the car from the time it turned from Canton Road up to the time it pulled up at the Ferry wharf.

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector Garrod said that it was possible for some very old cars to have a separate switch for the rear light. The case was remanded for a week in order that the car might be inspected.

OBSTRUCTING THE ROAD.

The driver of motor car No. 261 was charged with obstruction by placing the car opposite the Canton wharf.

An Indian constable said that the car remained there unattended for seven minutes.

Defendant said that he was waiting for a sick man.

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[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 21.
Chinese are planning the immediate creation of a Chinese model village for workmen at Chapei near Kiangwan, also a poor people's factory at Ying Hong village. Five hundred new have been purchased at Chapei and one hundred at Ying Hong. The factory has been designed to contain thirteen departments for bamboo work, weaving, carpentry and other crafts.

NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

JAPAN'S WASHINGTON STATEMENT.

The Acting Consul General for Japan has received a telegram dated November 21 from Tokyo, giving the following address made by Baron Kato, Japanese Delegate, at the Second Plenary Meeting of the Washington Conference held on November 15:—

"With your permission, I wish to present to conference my views upon this great question of armaments. I possess no art of oratory, I must speak simply, concisely and above all frankly. Japan deeply appreciates the sincerity of purpose evidenced in the plan of the American Government for limitation of armaments. She is satisfied that the proposed plan will materially relieve nations of wasteful expenditures and cannot fail to make for the peace of the world. She cannot remain unmoved at high aims which have actuated the American project. Gladly accepting therefore the proposal in principle, Japan is ready to proceed with determination to a sweeping reduction in her naval armament. It will be universally admitted that a nation must be provided with such armaments as are essential to its security. This requirement must be fully weighed in examination of the plan. With this requirement in view, few modifications will be proposed with regard to the tonnage basis for replacement of various classes of vessels. This subject should be referred to special consideration by naval experts. When such modifications are proposed I know that the American and other delegations will consider them with the same desire to meet our ideas as we have to meet theirs. Japan has never claimed, nor had intention of claiming, to have a naval establishment equal in strength to that of either the United States or the British Empire. Her existing plan will show conclusively that she had never in view preparation for offensive war."

COMPANY MEETING.

GENERAL EXCHANGE CO.

A largely attended extraordinary general meeting of the General Exchange Company was held at the offices of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the following resolution proposed by the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Liang Kwei-tin:—
"That the capital of the Company be increased to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 100,000 additional shares of \$50 each, ranking for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the existing 100,000 shares of the Company."
There being no discussion, the resolution was carried unanimously.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

IT has been found impracticable to hold the EXTRA GYMKHANA previously announced, and there will be no further Meeting this season.
Hongkong, November 22, 1921.

THE SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

TUE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Society will be held on TUESDAY, 29th November, at the Helena May Institute at 5.15 p.m.

D. E. FROST,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, November 22, 1921.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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Goods not cleared, by the 29th November, 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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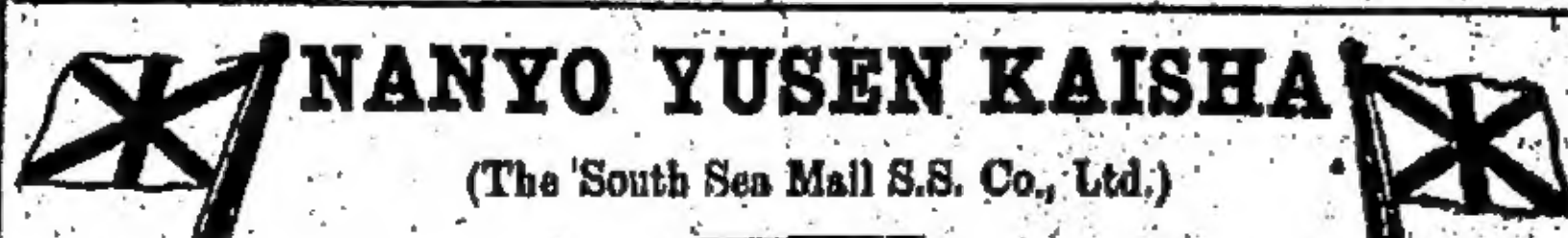
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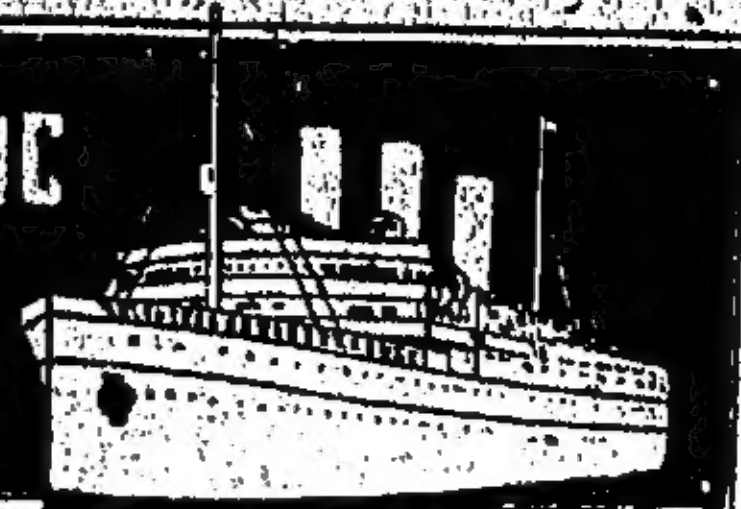
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AUSTRALIA.

AND THE WAR.

EPIC OF THE "DIGGER."

A CLASSIC WORK.

[By H. J. T.]

No fond mother with her only son off abroad to school ever thought of her offspring with more tender solicitude, watched his progress more anxiously or awaited his return more eagerly than Australia did in regard to the men she sent away across the seas to the war. Nothing was too good, nothing good enough, for "the boys."—Men, women and, not least, the children worked for the soldiers with all the strength that was in them. And, so that they might have news of how it fared with their lads, they sent with the Australian Imperial Force an Official War Correspondent who went wherever they went and wrote home about their doings. The man chosen for the post was Mr. C. E. W. Bean and though he quite naturally had his critics, he is generally reckoned to have done his job reasonably well.

Soon after the war was over Mr. Bean was set a much more difficult task. The Commonwealth Government set him down on a homestead in the territory which is to be occupied by the new federal capital, gave him a staff of assistants, and told him to go ahead and produce an "Official History of Australia in the War." Mr. Bean had many cartloads of official and unofficial records to sift through before he could even begin on his huge undertaking but now the first fruits of his labour have appeared in the shape of a volume, running to 660 pages, which tells the story of Anzac, from the outbreak of war to the end of the first phase in May 1915.

This is only the first of several volumes but posterity is likely to set it down as one of the most interesting and illuminating of the series. For, in addition to containing an account of the earlier developments of the Gallipoli adventure, it deals with Australia's attitude towards the "old country" and the war, her first preparations after she had decided to throw her slouch hat into the ring and the history of how the force which was later to win fame as the "A. I. F." came to be formed.

In recording the part played by a particular section of the Allied forces there were naturally many tendencies that the Australian historian had very carefully to avoid. Mr. Bean seems to have surmounted the difficulties confronting him with conspicuous success. He shows at the beginning of his introduction that he is perfectly aware of the danger of obscuring the true perspective by so constructing the entire conflict that it may seem to centre upon that part of it with which he deals and, so far as he has taken his story at present, seems to have succeeded in his endeavour to observe a due proportion and to present the part played by Australia in its true relation to the vast events and mighty issues which were its setting. His aim, he says in a short preface, is to present a "bare and uncoloured story" of the part played by the officers and men of the A. I. F. in the war.

HELMED THE "OLD COUNTRY." Mr. Bean devotes an interesting first chapter to a review of "Australia's

position at the outbreak" which, from the point of view of the student of Empire affairs, is highly instructive. He points out that it depended on the will of each of the dominions within the Empire how far it should actively support the mother country in the event of war and discusses the manner in which the strong national spirit developed under the free principles of Britain prompted Australia to be ready with an offer of unreserved help as soon as war was declared. "There was no doubt," Mr. Bean says, "that the motive which stirred Australia powerfully in the first place was the realisation that 'the Old Country' was, for the first time in memory, confronted with a struggle in which she might actually cease to be a great nation." Again he says, "Long before the end of the war the Australian motive had come to this—Australia were fighting because they hated German principles, to which they were as completely opposed as white is to black, and because, if the allies lost, Australia would be a spoil to the conqueror. The free decision of Australians was never in doubt. They poured out their ships, their men, and the money for their maintenance. To every cause which would benefit their allies they gave unstintingly. Appeals for France, Belgium, Serbia, Russia, Italy, Armenia, never reached the Australian in vain. When it came to the support of his own and the British soldiers the stream of misgiving was never checked."

THE AUSTRALIAN CHARACTER. When Mr. Bean goes on to speak of the Australian Imperial Force he does so with the sympathy and understanding of a man who saw the "digger" in the line and out of the line and knew him for the man he was. "So far," he says, as "the Australian held a prevailing creed, it was a romantic creed inherited from the gold-miner and the bushman of which the chief article was that a man must at all costs stand by his mate. He was and is the one law which the good Australian must never break." He goes on to show how this spirit of "mateship," which was embedded deep in the soul of every man of the A. I. F., has, with other qualities of independence, originality and the faculty of rising to an occasion, become recognizable as parts of the Australian character.

Before the war no one fully realised that an Australian national character or even a nation existed. "Only in one point," notes the historian "was the Australian people palpably united—in a determination to keep its continent for a white man's land. Nationalism and patriotism are cherished ideals, and the genuine Australian, with an almost feminine sensitiveness about laying open his feelings to another's gaze, disguised all such sentiments under a mask of cynicism." Mr. Bean shows that he knows his countrymen when he says of the Australian that "if he respected a person or an ideal he screened his feeling with a dry jest which deceived others and perhaps himself. Only those who knew him well suspected the intense nationalism which the war revealed." "It was his quality," Mr. Bean says in another place, to place his own estimate on men and events. If he saw no special reason for applauding them then and there, it was useless to attempt to force his applause, even for the King himself."

ABOUT THE "A. I. F." In outlining the chain of events by which the Australian Imperial Force was shaped, Mr. Bean makes it clear that it was due to the foresight of Major General Bridges, then Inspector General of the Australian Military Forces, that the Australians went to the war as a national unit instead of being merged into the other forces of the Empire. Of General Bridges Mr. Bean says that "he was a long-headed man who saw, though dimly, even at this early stage the national interest in keeping Australia's force together." "Had it gone to the war in the form which the Army Council advised," he points out, "there would have been no Anzac Corps. Australia would have had to its credit no 'Landing', no Lone Pine, neither Pozieres nor Broodwinde no Villers Bretonneux, no Mont St. Quentin, neither Romani nor Damascus, no battle of the Hindenburg Line. The allies would have lacked an element whose enthusiasm was not without its influence upon the war. The Australian nation would not have existed in the same sense as to-day."

PSYCHOLOGY OF THE "DIGGER." Mr. Bean has a good deal to say about the psychology of the Australian soldier. He helps to explain some of the characteristics about the "digger" which the soldiers of other British units could never quite understand. The Australian boy, he points out, "learns something of half the arts of a soldier by the time he is ten years old" and so it was that in practice it was soon found that the rank and file of the A. S. P. could be trained in a few months, provided that the officers knew their work and were men capable of handling men. "But the man who commanded them must needs be a man in every sense of the word. Most Australians had never in their lives known what it was to be given a direct order undisturbed by 'you might' or 'would you mind?' Since the discipline of the much-harassed bush school-teacher they had never known any restraint that was not self imposed." "If an Australian wanted to do a thing he possessed the capacity for acting on his own initiative."

"Such men could not easily be controlled by the traditional methods of the British Army. The fact that a man had received a good education, dressed well, spoke English faultlessly and belonged to the 'officer' class would merely incite them, at first sight, to laugh at him, or at least to suspect that he was guilty of affectation—their own language, 'putting on dog.' But they were seriously intent upon learning, and were readily controlled by anyone really competent to teach them. They were hero-worshippers to the backbone. There was a difficulty in reconciling them to any sort of irksome rule; the putting of any precept 'out of bounds' they regarded as an attempt to treat them as children. At first there undoubtedly existed among them a sort of suppressed rebelliousness, never very serious, but yet noticeable, of the whole system of 'officers'."

The Australian, to the end of the war was never at heart a regular soldier. Off parade he was a civilian bent upon drawing from it whatever experience he could, useful or otherwise, while the opportunity lasted."

RELATIONS WITH THE "TOMMY." Respecting the relations of the Australian soldier with his comrade the British Territorial "Tommy" Mr. Bean has this to say: "The British Tommies amongst whom he afterwards mixed, best-natured of men, extraordinarily guileless, humble-minded to a degree, never boastful, and seldom the cause of any serious trouble, instinctively looked up to the Australian private as a leader. If he was a good Australian he led them into good things, and if he was a bad Australian he led them into evil, but he always led. He was more of a child of nature even than the New Zealanders. When the Americans flocked together with him at the end of the war he led them also."

Later on he adds: "Though both had fine qualities they did not really blend." They had in common the

same spirit which sent them both to the war, but their mentality was different. The British private stood in somewhat distant awe of his officers as beings on a different plane. He was most conscientiously correct in his painstaking observance of all orders. He could not lay down the law (with impartial downrightness and considerable insight) upon politics, the news of the world, German strategy, British leaders, the strange things of Egypt, Australian horseracing or international boxing. He took most of the Australians' dry jokes in earnest. The overseas soldier was a man of the world and the two had little foundation for real intimacy. Yet both loved sport and admired courage. The Territorial possessed a fine grit; he was pathetically modest and unpretending; he had no money, but he would share what he had. The well-groomed British Yeomanry in Egypt—bave troops who showed their spirit at Scimitar Hill on Gallipoli and in several fine charges later in the war, but with standards and prejudices quite different from those of the Australians—mixed little with the troops from overseas; but sympathetic understanding, which lasted throughout the war, sprang up between the Australians and the "chooms."

So it is that these first few chapters of the book seem to me to be full of interest for the general reader. They tell how the bond of affection between Australia and the motherland met and stood the test when the testing time came; they show how the great young Commonwealth awoke to a sense of its national individuality; they portray clearly and faithfully the true character of one of the most picturesque figures among the Empire's fighters—the Australian "digger."

THE GALLIPOLI ADVENTURE. The rest of the book is devoted to an account of the embarkation of the first Australian contingent, the training in the Egyptian desert and the earlier phase of the Gallipoli campaign. Mr. Bean should know, if anyone does, the truth about the Dardanelles for, in addition to his own personal experiences and the accounts obtained by him from men who were actually in the fighting he was, after the war, allowed to question the Turkish staff very fully in Constantinople. The Turkish War Office also sent a senior officer with him to Anzac where for a week they went carefully over the whole position, discussing the fighting at each point and comparing notes.

Mr. Bean sets out his conclusions in regard to the failure of the campaign very clearly but there is not space enough to go into them here. The prime cause of the failure, he indicates, was that it needed 150,000 men to effect at that time what Sir Ian Hamilton sought to do with 70,000.

TRIBUTE TO BRITISH HEROISM. In passing Mr. Bean pays more than one tribute to the heroism of the British troops with whom the Anzacs were associated. In one place he remarks: "A brilliant dispatch from Ellis Ashmead Bartlett, published a few days after the landing, brought the efforts of these young nations before the world in such a manner that some speak to this day as if the landing were an affair of Australasian troops alone, and the unsurpassable heroism of the 29th Division, amid even heavier difficulties, has sometimes—not by the will of their comrades—been forgotten."

An Australian review of this first instalment of the epic of the "digger" says that it will be a classic. It certainly should be. It is a handsome volume without and it contains many tidbits which one imagines that most "diggers" will find piquant reading. It has 111 maps and 56 illustrations and is the first of a series of twelve. Nine of the books are to deal with military matters, one with the navy, one with affairs in Australia during the war and one will contain reproductions of official photographs taken in various theatres of war.

The publishers are Messrs. Angus and Robertson, of 89 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, from whom the whole or any of the twelve volumes may be ordered.

CITY HALL CONCERT.

YESTERDAY EVENING'S FINE PERFORMANCE.

Before a large audience including Lady Stables, Mr. Harry Ore, the well-known pianist composer, gave his third piano recital in the City Hall yesterday evening, assisted by Dr. Daniel Onderwijzer, baritone of the Amsterdam Royal Opera. Mr. Ore has long since proved his worth as a pianist and Dr. Onderwijzer has a distinguished record in the Dutch Indies. With the two working in sympathetic combination yesterday's performance was unusually fine. Rapt attention followed by enthusiastic applause was the reward.

Schubert's works claimed the whole of the first portion of the programme, Mr. Ore's share comprising the contrasted Third Sonata, A-major, op. 120, and the Military March, arranged by Tausig. On the vocal side the programme was altered to substitute "Die Nacht und Treiben" for "Der Bist die Ruh." Dr. Onderwijzer also submitted "Der Neugierige" and "Anfenthalt."

Mr. Ore opened the second half of the programme with Mendelssohn's impressive Prelude, Fugue, and Choral. From Schumann's works he chose Etudes Symphoniques, Op. 13, which he played with the same fine expression. Dr. Onderwijzer's contributions took the form of three songs from Schumann—"Widmung," "Du bist wie eine Blume," and "Die Zwei Grenadiere." The final item submitted by special request was Leoncavallo's Prologue to "I Pagliacci."

Mr. Ore's local fame as a pianist has now long been secure. It is sufficient to record that yesterday's recital found his skill and understanding at their best, his treatment of every number revealing the same admirable discrimination and technique.

Dr. Onderwijzer soon showed himself a finished singer. His pleasing baritone voice has both quality and range, while his notes are clear and sustained. Especially fine was his rendition of the operatic number, a fitting culmination to a fine performance.

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In consequence of the numerous suits lodged against the Banque Industrielle de Chine, the Parquet of the Seine has decided to institute proceedings against M. Andre Berthelot, president of the Council of Administration of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, and M. Pernotte, director and former administrator of the bank, for infringement of the company law. Allegations are made that, in spite of their knowledge that the concern was in a state of insolvency, the directors issued a large amount of fresh capital, and by misrepresenting the actual situation of the bank induced larger numbers of persons to subscribe for shares, which were issued at a heavy premium. The inquiry has been placed in the hands of M. Richard, one of the Paris investigating magistrates.

The accountancy expert's report on the basis of which the inquiry was ordered, states that there were no fictitious dividends distributed. The profits earned in 1919 made it legal to distribute a dividend. Some irregularities have taken place as far as the increase of capital is concerned. Several customers of the bank have subscribed new shares against advances made by the bank on their current account. The French Company Act designates this a fictitious increase of capital. These irregular subscriptions amount of Frs. 500,000. The late managers, however, replaced this sum on October 12. The allegation of "abuse of confidence" has been brought about by the fact that several sight deposits have not been

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The Chinese authorities are said to be showing reluctance, owing to expert advice, to proceed with the raising in France of the Chinese Industrial Loan of Frs. 500,000,000, or thereabouts for the reconstruction of the Industrial Bank of China. It is understood that M. de Flourens, French Minister to China, has received instructions from his Government to give strong diplomatic support to the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas in its negotiations with the Peking authorities for the refloating of the bank. The French negotiators are asking the Chinese Government to give certain definite guarantees for the payment of principal and interest of the proposed loan, but—according to the reports prevalent in well-informed quarters in Paris on Chinese matters—it is upon this very point that the negotia-

tions are now hanging fire. It is confidently anticipated, nevertheless, that the matter will be definitely settled within the next few weeks. Mr. Alfred Oulman, editor of *Petit Bleu* says the French authorities stipulate that the proceeds of the loan shall be employed in France for the purchase of war material, whereas the Chinese Government does not want war material, but locomotives and rolling stock.

According to the *Agence Economique et Financiere*, M. Finlay, the general manager of the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, has written to the Finance Minister to inform him that he finds himself bound to give up the attempt to float the Banque Industrielle de Chine. The journal thinks it is in a position to state this decision is caused by the fact that China, contrary to her first intentions, will not now contribute to the flotation.

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